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morrow if nothing happens. Yesterday I had the boat out and picked up a least petrel and a couple of others. Three or four Brewster boobies which were common are also laid away for inspection. We saw several turtles but they heard us approaching and went down before we could get near. Adieu till next summer,—June or July perhaps.

R. H. BECK

### Official Minutes Northern Division.

#### MARCH.

The Division met at Palo Alto March 8, President Grinnell presiding and fourteen active members present. Five visitors were present. The following were elected to active membership in the Club; Dr. R. F. Rooney, Auburn; Leverett M. Loomis, San Francisco; Murray M. Watson, Pacific Grove and Frank J. Smith, Eureka.

Eight proposals for membership were filed, as follows:—Frederick W. Kobbe, San Francisco; Geo. H. Ready, Santa Cruz; Lee Nims, Pacific Grove; Hubert O. Jenkins, Stanford University; Alice M. Jenkins, Stanford University; Wm. G. Renwick, Claremont; Clarence S. Sharp, Escondido; Wilson C. Hanna, Colton.

The resignations of Henry C Johnson, Harry B. Torrey and E. B. Towne were read and accepted. The programme of the evening was then taken up. Fred H. Fowler spoke on "Reminiscences of Arizona Birds," dealing with field work in the Huachuca Mts., with Dr. A. K. Fisher some years ago. Many anecdotes served to make the talk peculiarly interesting. Mr. H. W. Fowler of Philadelphia read a paper entitled "Ornithology of Philadelphia", covering the progress of ornithology in that city and referring to its present active workers. Ralph Arnold detailed the "Nesting of the Dwarf Hermit Thrush" in the Cascade Mts. of Washington, and Joseph Grinnell spoke on "The Parasitic Gulls of the Pacific Coast", exhibiting skins and various plumages of the jaegers of the coast and interestingly outlining their piratical tendencies.

The Club meets next on May 3 at Berkeley.

### Official Minutes Southern Division.

#### JANUARY.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held Jan. 11 at the studio of Mr. Roth Reynolds, H. J. Leland presiding and eight members present. Dr. F. M. Palmer was elected to active membership. The resignation of W. Scott Way of Cucamonga was accepted. The report of the Division treasurer for the past year was given by Mr. Swarth and accepted. The annual election of officers resulted as follows, to serve during 1902: President, F. S. Daggett; vice president, H. J. Leland; secretary, Howard Robertson; treasurer, H. S. Swarth; associate editor, Howard Robert-

son. On suggestion of Mr. Leland it was decided to adopt a systematic plan of study, taking up some one of the bird families at each meeting. The following papers were read: "Over the Teslin Trail to Dawson," W. B. Judson; "Bird Studies from a Hammock in Strawberry Valley" Mrs. C. A. Moody; "The Snowy Plover and Passing of the Great Blue Heron," W. L. Chambers.

#### FEBRUARY.

The Division met Feb. 7 at the residence of W. B. Judson with eight members present. Mrs. Bowers was present as a visitor. The resignation of Howard Rivers was accepted. The resignation of Dr. Garrett Newkirk was withdrawn. H. L. Graham of Redlands was reinstated to active membership. Several short articles on the hummingbirds were presented, as follows: "The Hummingbirds of Escondido and Vicinity," Nelson Carpenter; "A Few Notes on the Nesting of *T. alexandri*," R. C. Wueste; "From My Note Book", Mollie Bryan; "Anna Hummingbird", Burnell Franklin Mr. Swarth read some extracts from notes taken by Mr. F. Stephens on a trip from Yuma through San Bernardino to Bear Valley some years ago. He also exhibited a number of skins of hummingbirds found in the United States and about sixty varieties from South America, giving a short sketch of nearly all. Mr. Simmons exhibited a number of nests and eggs of hummingbirds common in Southern California.

#### FEBRUARY

The Division met Feb. 28 with Mr. Roth Reynolds with thirteen active members and four visitors present. The names of Thomas Brown and Edward Howard of Los Angeles were proposed for active membership. The following papers were read. "Some Owl Notes from my Note Book", F. Stephens; "Notes", J. Eugene Law; "Owls of Escondido and Vicinity", Nelson Carpenter; "The Pygmy Owl", W. B. Judson. Mr. Reynolds read an article in answer to an argument presented by Mr. Swarth at a recent meeting concerning "the use of facts". The Division meets next on March 28 when the hawks will be discussed.

#### OBITUARY.

In the middle of January last, Miss Bertha F. Herrick of Oakland, an active member of the Cooper Ornithological Club, passed away. Miss Herrick had always possessed a deep love for Nature, and her rambles afield led her most often among the birds. Seven years ago she took out field classes of children from Oakland, whom she found pleasure in instructing in the varied and beautiful secrets of the field and forest, and those who knew her thus hold her in loving memory. Miss Herrick had been a member of the Club for two years and had at all times enthusiastically assisted in its work.